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Michael Gish

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
(HOUSTON DIVISION)

KAREN TAYLOR,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	Case No.
vs.	)	4:17-cv-00673-GHM
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TASER INTERNATIONAL, INC.,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
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VIDEOTAPED 30(b)(6) DEPOSITION OF  
TASER INTERNATIONAL, INC.  
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10:27:59 1 the surrogate.

10:28:01 2 BY MR. VICKERY:

10:28:01 3 Q. Do you do swine testing on the effect on the  
10:28:06 4 muscles of the pigs?

10:28:09 5 A. Yes.

10:28:09 6 Q. And on the cardiac rhythms, of course?

10:28:14 7 A. Of course.

10:28:14 8 Q. So you're looking at both the safety from a  
10:28:16 9 cardiac standpoint and the efficacy in terms of  
10:28:20 10 incapacitating the muscles, true?

10:28:23 11 A. That is correct.

10:28:24 12 Q. Because the goal, in terms of protecting a police  
10:28:28 13 officer, is to have a weapon that will control the subject  
10:28:37 14 or suspect through neuromuscular incapacitation rather  
10:28:42 15 than resorting to psychological factors or pain, isn't it?

16 MS. NGUYEN: Object to form and foundation.

10:28:45 17 THE WITNESS: That is correct.

10:28:45 18 BY MR. VICKERY:

10:28:45 19 Q. Okay. Now, last year you were quoted publicly as  
10:28:51 20 saying the -- your new consumer weapon, the TASER pulse,  
10:28:55 21 has the same stopping power as the commercial. And we're  
10:28:58 22 not going to talk a lot about the pulse, but I want to  
10:29:04 23 know what you meant when you used the word "stopping  
10:29:06 24 power."

10:29:08 25 MS. NGUYEN: Object to form and foundation.

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10:29:09 1 THE WITNESS: It uses the same circuit, in  
10:29:12 2 principle, as the X2 circuit.

10:29:15 3 BY MR. VICKERY:

10:29:15 4 Q. So is it rated at 63 microcoulombs, plus or  
10:29:20 5 minus 9?

10:29:23 6 A. It is not.

10:29:23 7 Q. What's it -- what's it out- -- or charge output?

10:29:34 8 A. I think it's about 90 microcoulombs.

10:29:38 9 Q. 90?

10:29:39 10 A. 90, I think.

10:29:40 11 Q. Okay. So actually higher than the X2?

10:29:45 12 MS. NGUYEN: Object to form and foundation.

13 BY MR. VICKERY:

10:29:47 14 Q. Is that true?

10:29:48 15 A. Yes.

10:29:49 16 Q. How does that same waveform or circuit produce a  
10:29:53 17 higher charge output?

10:30:01 18 A. We update the firm wear. And the circuit is  
10:30:09 19 slightly different. But fundamentally, it's the same  
10:30:11 20 circuit.

10:30:12 21 Q. Is it the Oslo circuit?

10:30:15 22 A. Fundamentally, yes.

10:30:16 23 Q. And when you -- when you developed the Oslo  
10:30:22 24 circuit to incorporate and weaponize into the X2, did you  
10:30:26 25 test it on swine?

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11:02:23 1 state your question again.

11:02:24 2 BY MR. VICKERY:

11:02:24 3 Q. Well, let's take both parts of it.

11:02:26 4 The -- both the X26 and the M26 have proven  
11:02:32 5 effective at inca- -- incapacitating even the most  
11:02:36 6 aggressive subjects, haven't they?

11:02:39 7 A. According --

11:02:39 8 MS. NGUYEN: Object to form and foundation.

11:02:40 9 THE WITNESS: According to this -- according  
11:02:42 10 to this, it says right there.

11:02:44 11 BY MR. VICKERY:

11:02:44 12 Q. I know.

11:02:44 13 And I'm asking you, according to your  
11:02:46 14 experience with the company, that's certainly true, isn't  
11:02:48 15 it?

11:02:49 16 MS. NGUYEN: Object to form and foundation.

11:02:52 17 This is not a topic for which this witness  
11:02:55 18 has been designated.

11:02:56 19 If you know.

11:03:14 20 THE WITNESS: Yes, I believe that to be  
11:03:15 21 true.

11:03:15 22 BY MR. VICKERY:

11:03:16 23 Q. And it's been the consistent position of your  
11:03:20 24 company for many, many years that neither of those  
11:03:23 25 devices, the M26 or the X26, posed any appreciable risk of

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11:03:29 1 cardiac safety to the suspect, hasn't it?

11:03:31 2 MS. NGUYEN: Object to form and foundation.  
11:03:32 3 That's completely irrelevant. And he's not designated on  
11:03:34 4 that topic.

11:03:35 5 You don't have to answer.

11:03:37 6 THE WITNESS: I'm not --

11:03:37 7 MS. NGUYEN: You don't have to answer.

11:03:41 8 THE WITNESS: Okay.

9 BY MR. VICKERY:

11:03:45 10 Q. Tell me something, Mr. Gish. Does it make any  
11:03:50 11 sense to you whatsoever that we should be arming  
11:03:56 12 housewives with more powerful weapons than police  
11:03:59 13 officers?

11:03:59 14 MS. NGUYEN: Object to form and foundation.  
11:03:59 15 You don't have to answer that question.

11:04:01 16 MR. VICKERY: He doesn't have to answer that  
11:04:03 17 question?

11:04:04 18 MS. NGUYEN: No. You're asking opinion  
11:04:06 19 information at this point. And he has not been  
11:04:08 20 designated -- it doesn't fall within any of the topics  
11:04:10 21 that he's been designated. That's improper questioning.

11:04:13 22 MR. VICKERY: Thank you for coming.

11:04:36 23 I have no further questions for this man  
11:04:38 24 today.

11:04:41 25 MS. NGUYEN: I don't have any follow-up.

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3 BE IT KNOWN the foregoing deposition was  
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9 the transcript was available for signature by the  
10 deponent; that the questions propounded by counsel and the  
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17 I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am in no way related to  
18 nor employed by any parties hereto nor am I in any way  
19 interested in the outcome hereof.

20 DATED at Phoenix, Arizona, this 31st day of July,  
21 2017.

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